

When appropriate, provide tracking, monitoring and case management to insure that recipients receive and benefit from above referred services.

Children with Special Health Care Needs

Objective: To ensure that children with special health care needs receive appropriate, comprehensive health care services. The population covered by this agreement includes a special needs population of children who are chronically ill and/or require the assistance of technology to maintain or enhance their lives (Medicaid Model Waiver); children under the age of 16 receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits (SSI); the Infants and Toddlers (0 to 3 years) Program population; and children needing Expanded Healthy Kids/EPSTD Referred Services.

The Title V Agency will:

1. Function as the "Home Care Case Manager" for the children on the Medicaid Model Waiver as specified in COMAR 10.09.27 and any amendments thereto. Also assist with administrative oversight of services delivered to this population. This includes but is not limited to:
 - A. Arranging for the provision of home care case management services for participants of the home and community based model waiver program.
 - B. Determining eligibility for waiver participation in conjunction with the Medicaid Program.
 - C. Evaluating the participant's individual plan of care and authorizing its implementation or continuation.
 - D. Establishing standards and procedures for quality assurance including the development of semi-annual utilization reviews for all participants.
 - E. Reviewing invoices for case management services and authorizing payment.
 - F. Verifying physician credentials and determining eligibility to participate as the principal physician who, as a member of an interdisciplinary team, approves the plan of care for the participant. Keeps on file a copy of required credentials.
 - G. Performing post-payment review of nursing services.
2. Collaborate in a process which ensures that children under age 16 years with SSI benefits receive health and related services needed to address their health and developmental needs. This will be done by:

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- A. Maintaining its arrangement with the State Developmental Disabilities Determinations Services (DDS) to receive referrals on all individuals under 16 years of age who receive SSI benefits.
 - B. Sending a list of referrals to the Healthy Kids/ EPSDT Central Medicaid Office on at least a monthly basis.
 - C. Collaborating with the Healthy Kids Program in identifying a care coordination resource for SSI recipients who require care beyond the level of case management provided under the Healthy Kids Program and for whom such a resource cannot be identified locally.
 - D. Utilizing the local quarterly reports received by the Title XIX Agency for the purposes of needs assessment and resource development planning, and to meet the requirements of the Title V Block Grant.
3. Assure medical services to children with special health care needs. This will be done by:
- A. Determining that services reimbursed under this agreement are medically necessary. These services may include: audiology, nursing, nutrition counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, social work, speech/language therapy, and diagnostic and advisory services. Additional services may be added by written agreement between the Medicaid Program and Title V.
 - B. Reporting costs to the Medicaid Program so that cost-based rates can be established.
4. Provide early intervention services case management for the Medicaid-eligible infant and toddler population in conjunction with its local health department designees. This will be done by:
- A. Assuring access to an early intervention services case manager most relevant to the needs of the child and family as determined through the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).
 - B. Assuring that the early intervention services case management is provided by qualified personnel and that services conform to regulatory requirements.
5. In cooperation with the Medicaid Program, provide medical review to determine whether services are medically necessary under the Healthy Kids/EPSDT Referred Services Program.

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The Medicaid Program will:

1. Establish in compliance with all applicable regulations, provider agreements with appropriate providers of services, supplies and equipment for this special population.
2. Verify the licenses and credentials of all providers including independent nurse providers who have provider agreements with the Medicaid Model Waiver Program. To keep a file of these nurse providers and assure current licensure, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification, and skill's check lists for each of these nurse providers.
3. Designate individuals under 16 years of age who receive SSI benefits as a target group for the Healthy Kids/EPSTD Outreach and Case Management Program. Under this Program, the activities shall include health education, appointment scheduling, transportation assistance, appointment reminders, assessment to determine appropriate utilization of services, referrals to agencies for treatment, direct referral to dentists, tracking to ensure treatment is initiated 180 day from request date, location of providers for necessary services, maintenance of a case log and acting as a liaison with providers. Children will be linked with providers who accept Medical Assistance reimbursement. The Healthy Kids Program case manager shall maintain the required documentation for all SSI recipients under 16 years of age. Special subsets of SSI children shall have their care coordinated with the following agencies or programs:
 - A. In Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince George's County, and the Eastern Shore Regional Service Delivery System (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties), the Healthy Kids/EPSTD case manager will work with the MR/DD case manager to ensure that the SSI target population receives case management services.
 - B. Children under 36 months of age shall be referred to the local "single point of entry" for the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program.
 - C. Preschoolers, 36 to 60 months of age, shall be referred to the Child Find coordinator for the local education agency.
 - D. Children whose primary or secondary diagnosis is mental health/behavioral in nature shall be referred to the local Child and Adolescent Liaison for Community Mental Health Services.
 - E. Children and families who require a level of care coordination beyond the extent of the Healthy Kids Program's outreach and case management functions and for whom a resource for such care coordination cannot be identified shall be made known to the SSI Coordinator in the Children's

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Medical Service Central Office to assist in care
coordination resource identification.

4. Reimburse the Title V Agency and its local health department designees for services delivered to children with special health care needs receiving Medical Assistance using cost-based methodologies.

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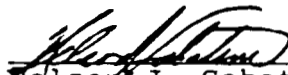
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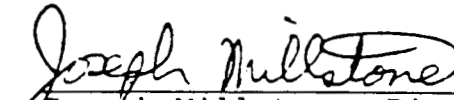
The terms of this Cooperative Agreement shall be in effect from September 15, 1991 until July 1, 1992 this Agreement shall subsequently be renewed for successive one year periods.

This Cooperative Agreement be terminated by either party, at any time, upon 60-day notice given in writing to the other party.

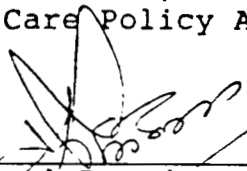
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